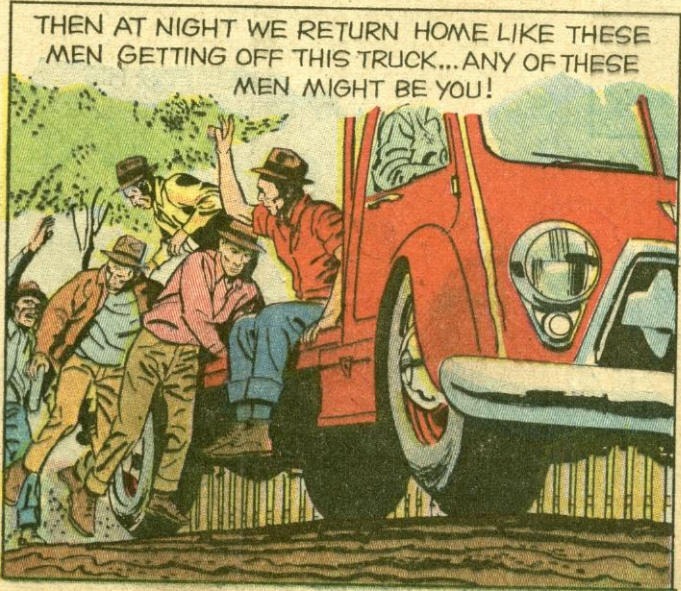


"A HARVEST OF HOPE"



MOST OF US GO TO WORK EACH DAY TO PUT BREAD ON THE TABLE FOR OUR FAMILIES...TO PAY THE RENT AND CLOTHE OUR LOVED ONES. THEN AT NIGHT...



THEN AT NIGHT WE RETURN HOME LIKE THESE MEN GETTING OFF THIS TRUCK...ANY OF THESE MEN MIGHT BE YOU!



THIS IS JOE WRIGHT AT THE END OF THE DAY. THE YEARS HAVE NOT BEEN VERY KIND TO HIM.



HAS IT BEEN A LONG DAY, FATHER?

YES, SON...A VERY LONG DAY.



ALL MY LIFE I HAVE WANTED TO TAKE SUCH A BOOK AND READ FROM ITS PAGES. BUT I HAVE NEVER HAD THE TIME TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE.

I AM LEARNING FOR YOU, FATHER!



MIKE IS OFF WITH BASEBALL AGAIN, EH?

WHY NOT? THERE IS A TIME FOR LEARNING AND A TIME FOR PLAYING.



HURRY HOME, MIKE. RUN HOME, LITTLE ONE, YOUR MOTHER NEEDS YOU.

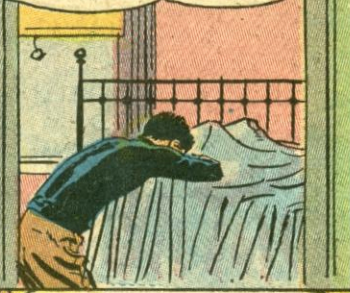
YES, SADNESS COMES TO THE YOUNG AND TO THE OLD... SADNESS FOR MIKE AND HIS FAMILY... PEACE FOR HIS WEARY FATHER.



WHAT ARE WE TO DO NOW, HENRY? HOW CAN I TURN THESE TEARS TO FOOD FOR MY CHILDREN?



YOU WILL NOT HAVE TO. JOE MUST HAVE HAD SOCIAL SECURITY. IT PAYS DEATH BENEFITS AS WELL AS RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY BENEFITS.



YOU ARE NOT TO WORRY, GRACE. THESE ARE GOOD PEOPLE. THEY WILL DO ALL THEY CAN TO HELP YOU AND THE CHILDREN.



YES, THE LAST PLACE JOE WORKED WAS AT THE PARSON FARM.

GOOD, WE WILL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS YOUR HUSBAND'S WORK RECORD HAS BEEN CHECKED, MRS. WRIGHT.



IS YOUR MOTHER HOME, MIKE?

SHE HAS GONE TO LOOK FOR WORK, SIR. BUT UNCLE HENRY IS HERE.



I AM VERY SORRY TO BRING BAD NEWS. BUT OUR RECORDS SHOW THAT JOE DID NOT WORK LONG ENOUGH UNDER SOCIAL SECURITY FOR BENEFITS.

THAT IS TOO BAD...THEY ARE IN SUCH GREAT NEED.



BUT I DO NOT UNDERSTAND. THESE RECORDS SAY THAT JOE HAS NOT WORKED IN THE LAST 3 YEARS BUT EVERY DAY I SEE HIM COME HOME FROM WORK SO TIRED AND FULL OF PAIN.

THEN HIS EARNINGS WERE NOT REPORTED PROPERLY. HELP ME MAKE A LIST OF HIS EMPLOYERS AND I WILL CHECK THIS OUT.



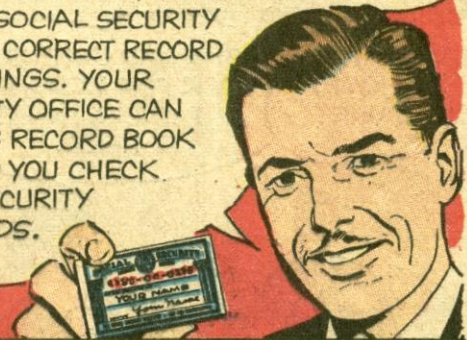
FOR THE WRIGHT FAMILY, SOCIAL SECURITY REPRESENTATIVES CHECKED EACH PLACE JOE WORKED. THEY LEARNED THAT JOE HAD WORKED LONG ENOUGH UNDER SOCIAL SECURITY, BUT SOME OF HIS WAGES HADN'T BEEN REPORTED. SO THEY STRAIGHTENED THINGS OUT.

MRS. WRIGHT, I AM ALMOST AS HAPPY AS YOU ARE... YOU WILL RECEIVE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT CHECKS EVERY MONTH.

THANK YOU SO MUCH. THIS MEANS A LOT TO US.



MAKE SURE YOUR LOVED ONES NEVER HAVE THE KIND OF WORRY MRS. WRIGHT HAD. THEN, WHEN THE TIME COMES, RETIREMENT, DISABILITY, OR DEATH PAYMENTS CAN BE STARTED WITHOUT THIS DELAY. MAKE SURE YOUR EMPLOYER HAS YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. KEEP A RECORD OF YOUR EMPLOYERS' NAMES AND HOW MUCH THEY PAID YOU. EVERY THREE YEARS, CHECK TO SEE IF THE SOCIAL SECURITY PEOPLE HAVE A CORRECT RECORD OF YOUR EARNINGS. YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE CAN GIVE YOU A JOB RECORD BOOK AND CAN HELP YOU CHECK THE SOCIAL SECURITY RECORDS.



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